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a source of inspiration to the student and to the younger members of the bar. Space will not allow even an enumeration of the names of the fifty-nine subjects of the biographies or a criticism of the individual sketches. It is, however, possible to say that the work of the biographers as a whole is of a very high character of excellence, as is only to be expected when the eminence of the contributors is considered. Professor Lewis's edition of *Great American Lawyers* will undoubtedly rank as one of the first sources of American Legal history.

J. S. S.

**THE MASSACHUSETTS LAW OF LANDLORD AND TENANT.** By Prescott F. Hall. Second Edition. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company. 1908. pp. lxii, 619. 8vo.

The prediction made in the review of the first edition of this book, 13 HARV. L. REV. 314, that it would prove invaluable as a manual of ready reference, has been fulfilled. In 1903 a forty-seven page supplement, including the more recent Massachusetts cases, the references to the Revised Laws, and the legislation of 1903, was found necessary. And now a new edition giving a complete index of the decisions and statutes through 1907 has been demanded and published. The original arrangement has not been departed from in this second edition; but the topics, notably the sections on "Construction of Express Covenants and Provisions," and on "Bankruptcy and Receivership," are more fully dealt with. The text has been subdivided, and its use facilitated by a large increase in the number of section headings, all set in bold-faced type. Some dozen new forms are added to the useful appendix prepared for the earlier edition; and a convenient index of forms appears for the first time.

The local character of the work is, of course, still maintained. Much of Massachusetts real estate law peculiarly invites theoretical discussion. But Mr. Hall's purpose is primarily to serve the active practitioner by stating exhaustively the law, as far as possible in the language of the court and with sufficient fulness to save, in many instances, a resort to the original reports; and this aim, while not at variance with scientific discussion of legal doctrines, is best secured by the author's limiting himself to his admirable summary of the law as it is. The book should be on the shelf of every lawyer, trustee, and real estate broker in the Commonwealth.

J. W.

**SELECT ESSAYS IN ANGLO-AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY.** By various authors: compiled and edited by a Committee of the Association of American Law Schools. In three volumes. Vol. II. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company. 1908. pp. viii, 823. 8vo.

The second volume of *Select Essays* will probably be consulted more often than the first. It is made up of twenty-five essays on the history of particular topics of the Law, grouped under the sub-topics of Sources, the Courts, Procedure, and Equity. There also are two valuable appendices containing a list of sources for continental mediæval law, and of sources for American colonial law.

Further notice of this volume is deferred until the appearance of Vol. III.

N. A.

**THE JOURNAL OF THE DEBATES IN THE CONVENTION WHICH FRAMED THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, May-September, 1787.** As recorded by James Madison. Edited by Gaillard Hunt. In two volumes. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1908. pp. xvii, 392; vi, 461. 8vo.

The publishers' summary is correct and comprehensive: "These two volumes contain an historical document of the first importance — James Madison's com-